GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TALKS WITH NAXALITES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hold talk with the Naxalite and Terrorist outfits operating in the country;

(b) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the naxalite outfits have offered cease fire and are coming forward for talks; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Government is committed to restoration of peace in areas affected by activities of Naxalites and other terrorist outfits. Government is always willing to discuss all relevant issues with all those who have strayed away from the path of peace but are desirous of eschewing violence and unconditionally come forward for talks within the framework of our Constitution.

(c)&((d): The Government of Andhra Pradesh, entered into dialogue with some left extremist groups operating in the State.A few rounds of talks have already been held between the State Government and the representatives of the left extremist groups.